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SUBJECT: MARLENE DIETRICH

May 13, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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She seked that I give you this information for whatever it may be worth, mentioning that you would know best the value of it. She said she thinks it is something that will definitely bear looking into.

to having one of our agents interview her concerning this, and she said she would have no objection, but she is leaving for California tonight and will not return for about one week.

I thanked Mrs. Villebrandt for this information and assured her it would be brought to your attention as soon as possible.

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Special Agent in Charge Los Angeles, California

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Information has been received from Mrs. Habel Walker, Willebrandt, formerly an Assistant United States Attorney General, to the effect that Marlene Districk, through her association with one is an active agent for a collaboration movement in the United States and France.

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It is desired that an immediate discreet investigation be undertaken by your office concerning Hies District in order to ascertain whether she may be engaged in activities ininical to the national defence of the United States. The Bureau should be kept promptly and fully advised of all developments in this connection.

Are. Villebrands has indicated that the vill be in California for the next week after which she will return to Vachington. It is desired that the Vachington Field Office make arrangements to interview Mrs. Villebrands further for any additional information she may have concerning this matter.

Very traly yours,

John Edgar Soover Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

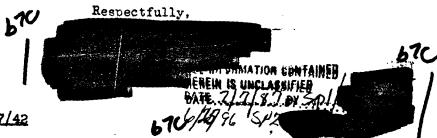
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Mr. Tolson

I talked with Assistant SAC Vincent of Los Angeles and inquired whether the investigation of Dietrich is being conducted, referring him to Bureau letter dated May 16, 1942. He stated that this investigation is undoubtedly being given expeditious attention.

I told him to be sure of this fact, that it is the Bureau's desire that this matter be handled most expeditiously, and requested him to advise the Bureau by teletype this evening of the developments in this investigation to date.



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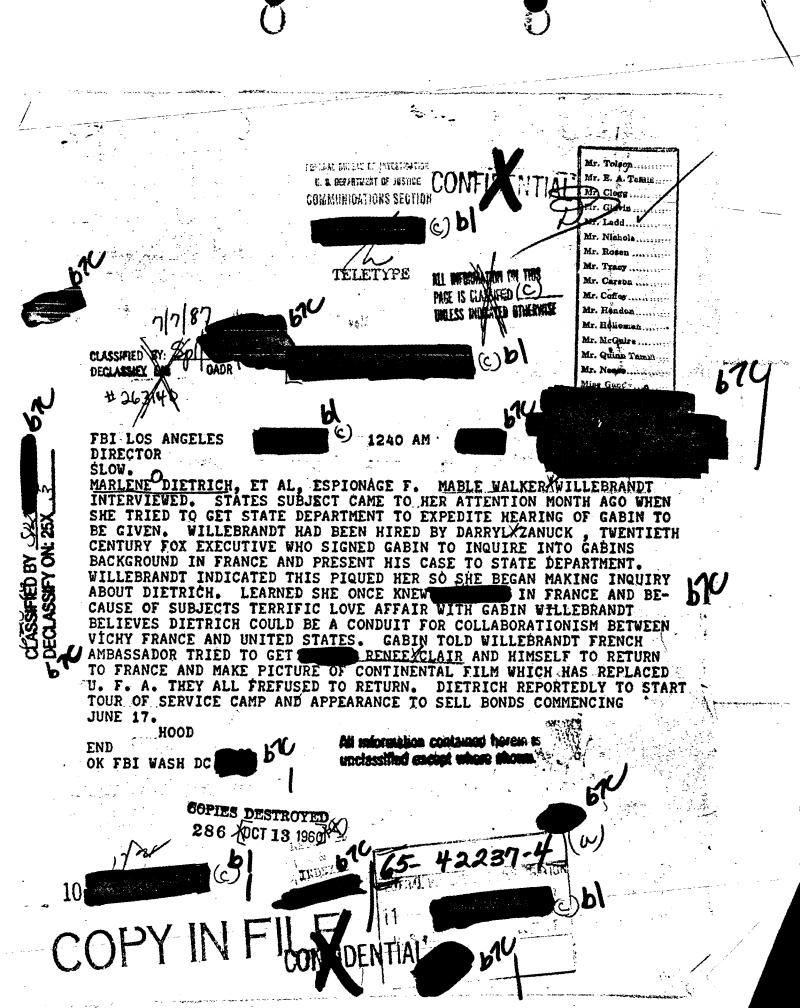
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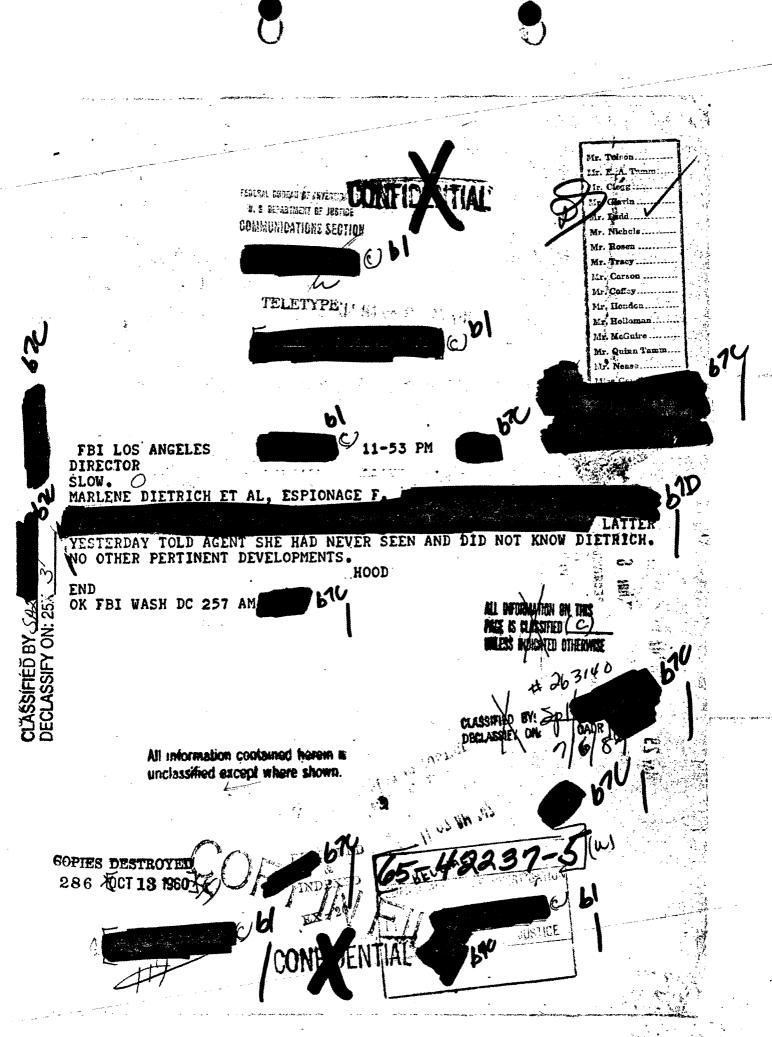
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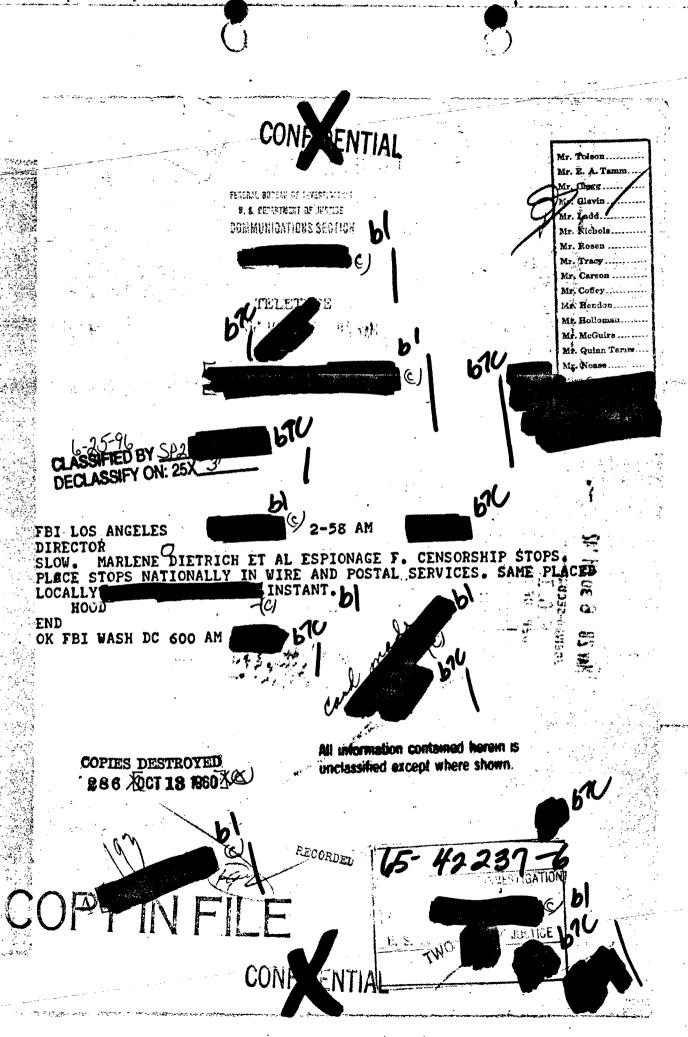
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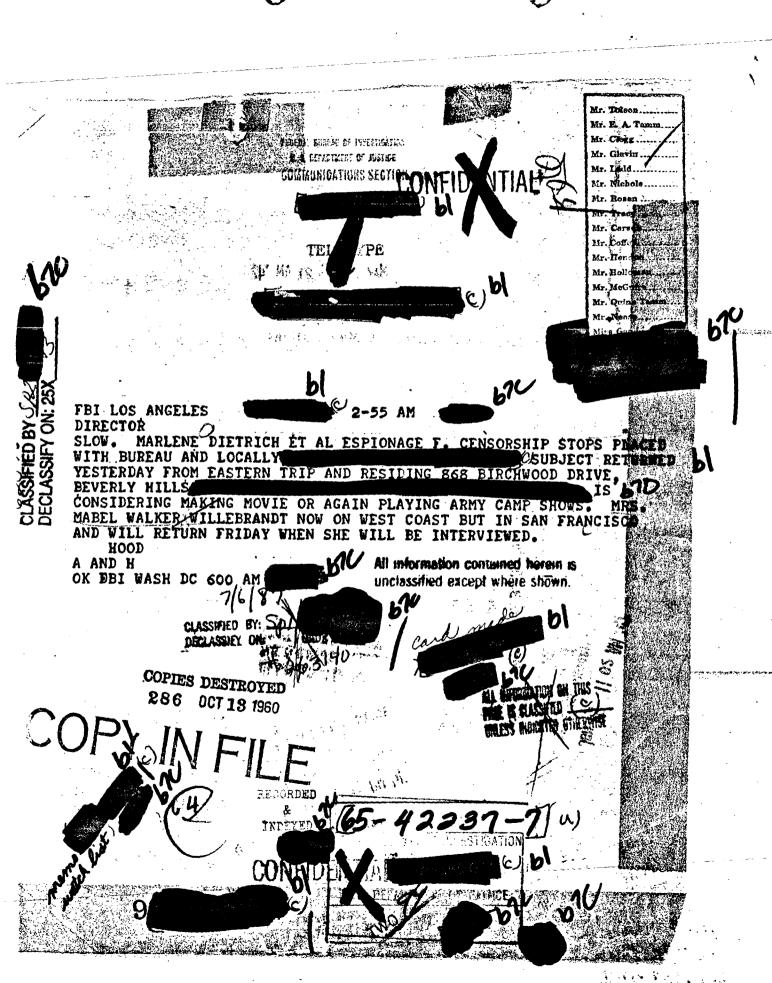
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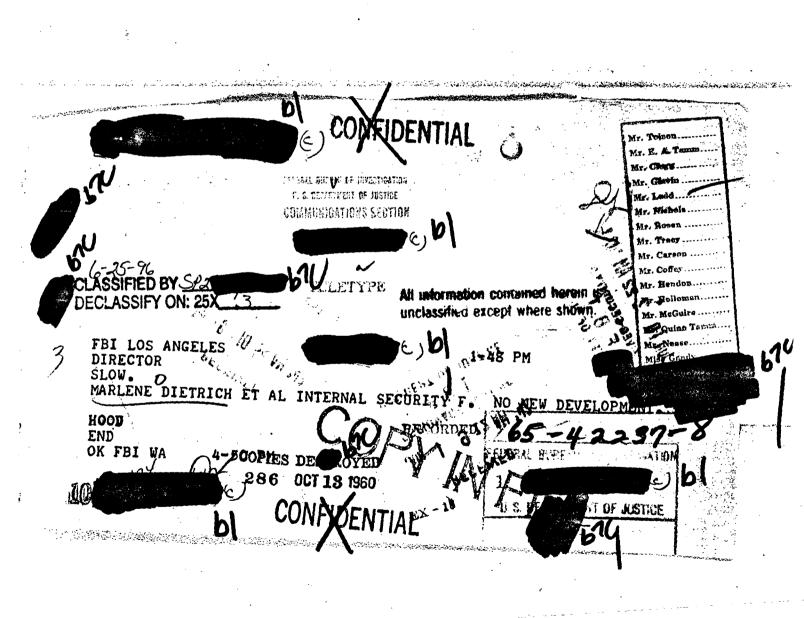
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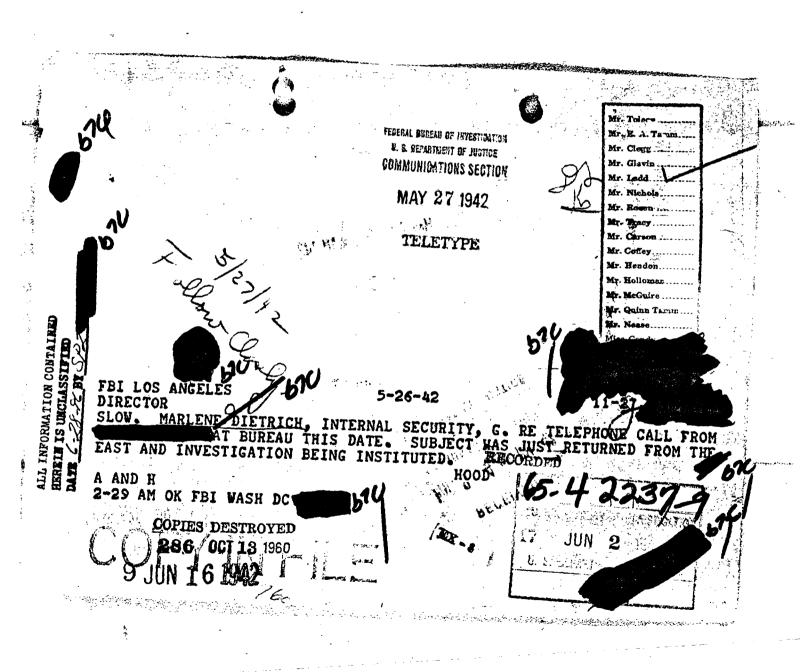
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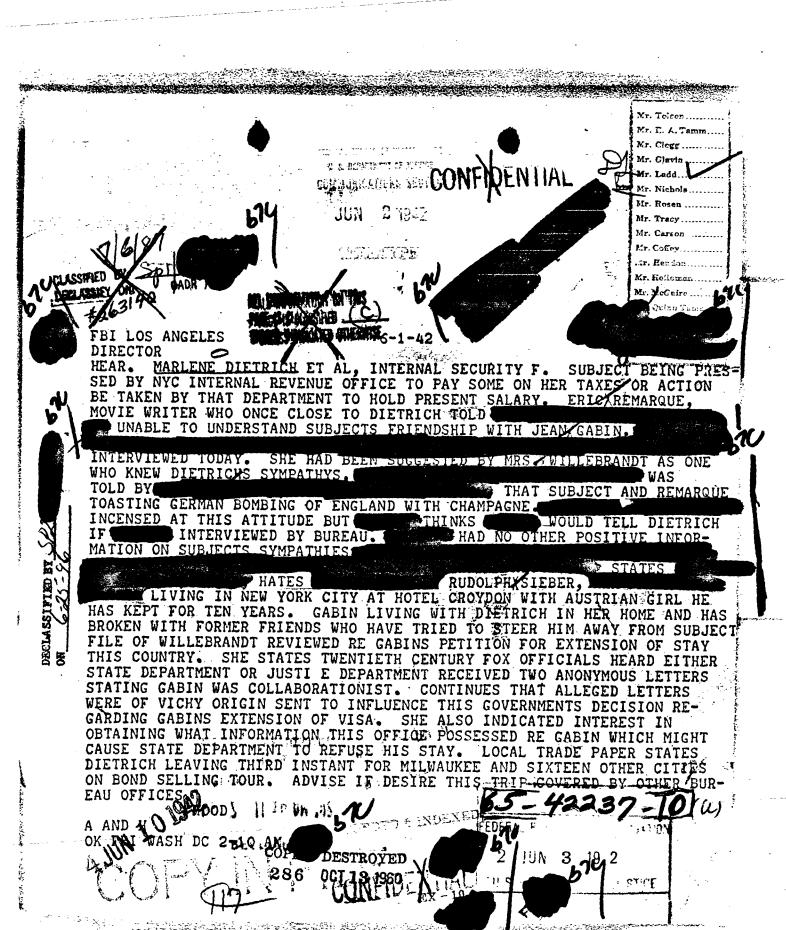
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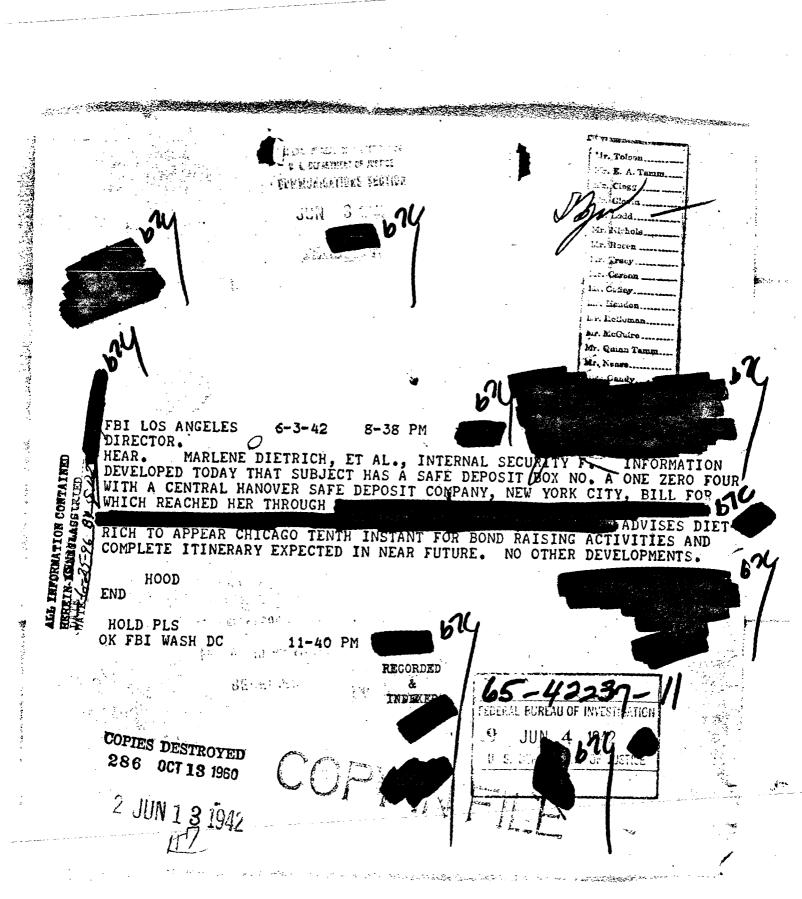
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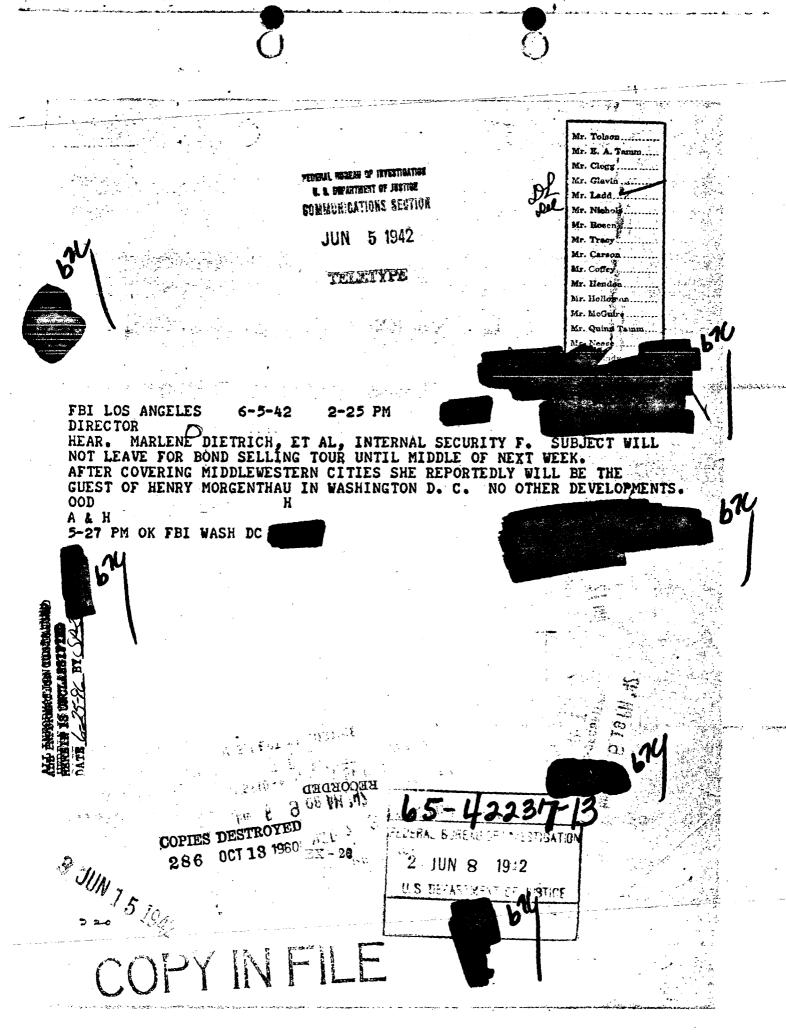








CC-287 Mr. Tolson JOHN EDGAR HOOVER Mr. E.A. Tamm DIRECTOR-Mr. Clegg_ Mr. Glavin Rederal Bureau of Investigation Mr. Ladd United States Department of Iustice Mr. Nichols_ Mr. Rosen_ Washington, D. C. Mr. Tracy Mr. Carson June 2, 1942 Mr. Coffey_ Mr. Hendon 12:25 pm. Call Dictated 2:40 p.m. Mr. Holloman Mr. McGuire_ MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADI Mr. Quinn Tamm Mr. Harbo_ MARLENE DIETRICH: Tele. Room_ ESPIONAGE - F. Mr. Nease Miss Beahm Miss Gand While talking with Mr. Hood of the Los Angeles Office at the above time he stated that Marlene Dietrich is leaving som time tomorrow, apparently around one o'clock, with a group of other actors who will make one night stands in conjunction with the sale of War Savings Bonds. Mr. Hood stated that Mable Walker Willebrandt has beer interviewed and that she has absolutely no information as a basis for any possible espionage activities on the part of Marlene Dietrich. miss Willebrandt is the attorney for Jean Gabin. Gabin is living with Dietrich at the present time and Dietrich controls all of his activities and opinions. Willebrandt is apparently endeavoring to iron out Gabin's status with the State Department and has requested to be advised what we have on Gabin. Because of Dietrich's control over Gabin, Miss Willebrandt has reported her activities to us. Er. Hood stated that the foregoing information was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype yesterday. Mr. Hood does not believe it would be desirable for us to maintain a surveillance of Marlene Dietrich on the trip, which will start tomorrow, since there would be no way to hide the fact that a surveillance was being conducted and since she will not have any opportunity to engage in espionage activities, and he recommends against such surveillance. ACTION: I advised Mr. Hood that his recommendation would be given confin sideration and he would be advised whether the shrweillance is desired. It is believed that Mr. Hood's recommendations should be accepted and that no surveillance should be conducted of Dietrich on this road trip; that he be instructed to give consideration to every possible angle reported concerning Dietrich's espionage activities in order to determine whether EX-10 PU weh information is true and if so to give new leads developed referred attenticopies DESTROYED SV 286 001 18 1956 spectful



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD Re: Marlene Dietrich

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

May 27, 1912

SAC Hood called from Los Angeles and said Supervisor had called his office yesterday and talked to an Agent advising the Bureau desired a teletype in this matter each day to report all developments.

He advised that in a case of this kind we will have t be very careful and that it is not expected there will be daily developments: that they are laying the foundation for the invest tigation.

I told SAC Hood that undoubtedly the reason desired a teletype every day was because we will be getting inquiries from the interested individuals almost daily and that the Bureau was desirous of having up-to-date information. I told him I thought it would be advisable to advise the Bureau each day. adding this information to any teletype which was forwarded to the Burean, relative to this matter until he was advised to the contrary, which he said he would do.

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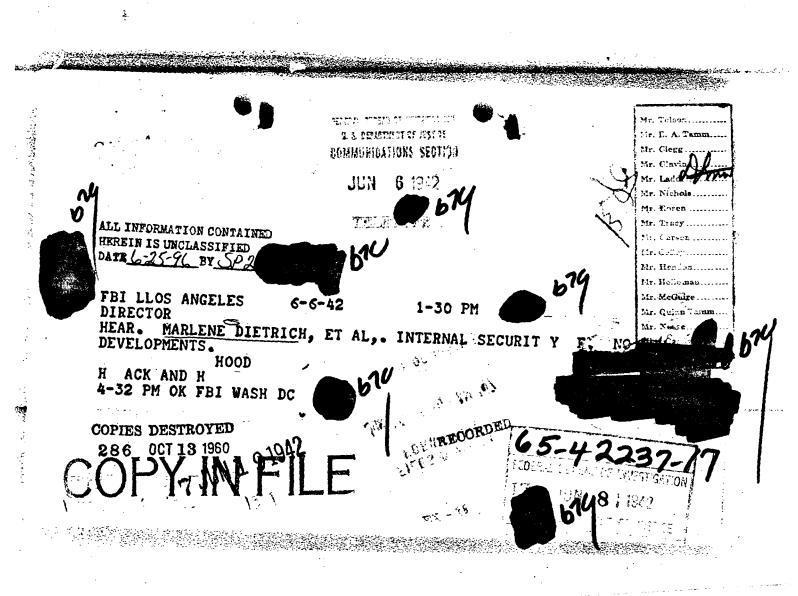
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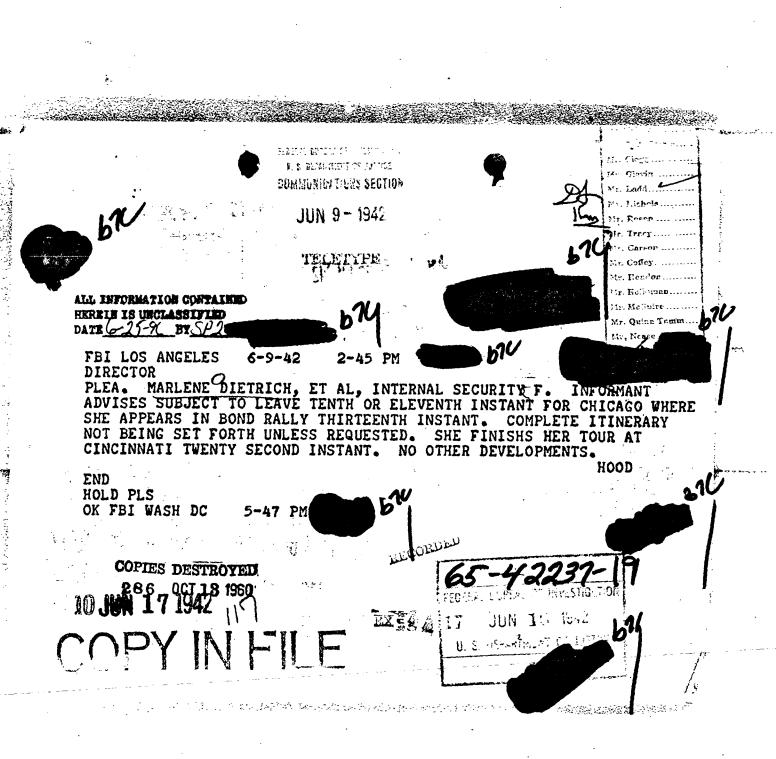
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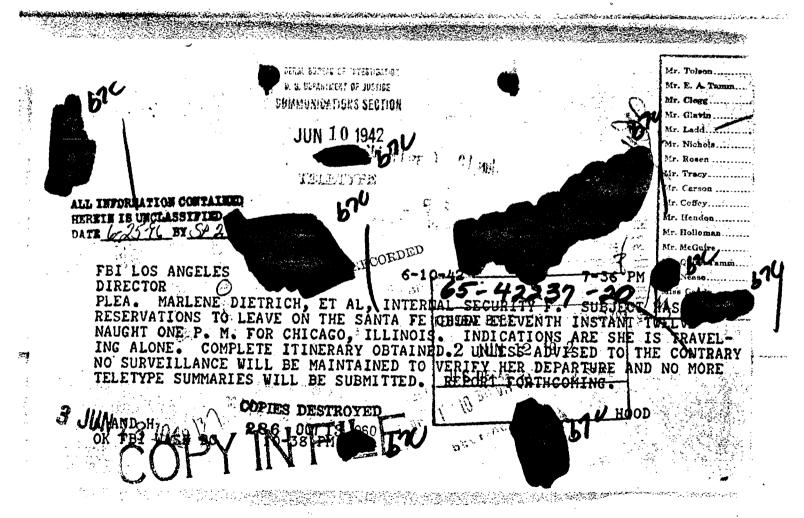
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Los Angeles, California June 13, 1942

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

MARLENE DIETRICH; RE: POSTAL AND WIRE CENSORSHIP

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Dear Sir:

Referring to Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated May 28, 1942, in the above matter, kindly remove name of Subject from the watch list.

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Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Dear Mr. Prices

Washington, D. C.

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There is enclosed herewith a name to be deleted from the consorship watch list. This enclosure is designated as List Number 3, dated July 2, 1942.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Boover Director

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Mr. Tracy Mr. Carson Mr. Coffey Mr. Berden

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that on June 1, 1942, the abovenamed individual furnished information to this office in connection with the investigation being conducted in the case entitled: "MARIENE DIETRICH, ET AL, ESPIONAGE-F".

In addition, he paved the way for contact with Subject DIETRICH for the development of any information possible which might be of interest to the Bureau. For details of same, kindly refer to report of Special Agent in the DIETRICH case, dated at Los Angeles, California, June 16, 1942.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD Special Agent in Charge

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DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Active investigation of Subject is predicated on receipt of the Bureau letter referenced herein, which reflected that Source A had advised the Bureau that DIETRICH, through her association with one is an active agent for collaboration movement for the United States and France. Source A, at the time she furnished her information to the Bureau, mentioned that DIETRICH had recently been in Washington and through her theatrical connections had arranged to discuss the JEAN CABIN case then pending in the State Department. Mention

Source A continued that a French motion-picture man, was formerly associated with one a Vichy official who is presently intensely close, and that their aim in the United States is to get anyone who could be a popular star on the continent to return and make pictures for Continental Films, an organization which has replaced the German Ufa Film Company; that and DIETRICH were trying to get JEAN GABIN, one and RENE! CLARE to return and make pictures. (It was Source A's opinion that DIETRICH is directly connected with these collaborationists, that she is an active agent, and that there is some means of direct communication between them.)

With reference to Source A, the Los Angeles files were reviewed, and although the information therein will not be set forth here, for the Bureau's information she is mentioned in report of Special Agent dated at Washington, D. C., February 18, 1941, in the case entitled:

with alias, INTERNAL SECURITY-G". The Bureau's attention is also directed to the letter from the Los Angeles office to the Bureau dated December 10, 1941, entitled:

WAS., ESPIONACE-I". This letter typifies the type of an individual the present investigation reflects Source A is.

The Bureau's attention is also directed to letter from this office dated November 29, 1941, in the case entitled:

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United States Government, are set forth. Letter from this office to the Bureau dated May 27, 1939, on page 2 also contains information concerning Source A.

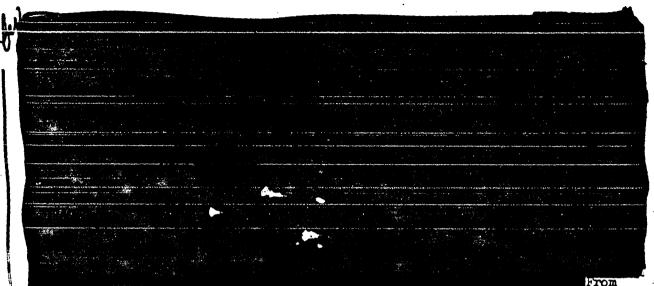
On May 28, 1942, censorship stops, as well as postal and telegraph stops, etc., were placed nationally and locally on MARIENE DIETRICH at her present home address, 868 Birchwood Drive, Beverly Hills, California. These are being cancelled at the time of dictation of this report, June 13, 1942. With reference to the postal stops, it was ascertained

the mail stop was placed on that address as well.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SUBJECT

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investigation it is known to the writer that her mother is still residing in Berlin. It is presumed that her father is dead.

A review of the Los Angeles files reflects in L. A. 61-252, Serial 45, which case is entitled: "NEWS-LETTERS", that in a News-Letterissue of June 12, 1940 (News-Letter is a publication published by the News Research, Inc., 7046 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles), are a photograph and short statement reproduced from the German-published Sturmer which reads as follows:

"Reproduction from the 'Stuermer', (a) captioned 'MARLENE DIETRICH Taking Oath of Allegiance'; (b) Famous film star becomes American citizen. She is shown here together with Los Angeles naturalization official. (c) Film actress, MARLENE DIETRICH, born in Germany, has spent so many years with the moving picture Jews of Hollywood that she now has become an American citizen. Mingling with Jews has completely de-Germanized her. This picture shows her taking the oath of allegiance in Los Angeles. What the Jewish 'judge' (STUERMER'S emphasis) himself thinks of the prescribed oath becomes evident from his attitude; shirt-sleeved (!)(STUERMER'S emphasis), he administers the oath by which MARLENE DIETRICH betrays her fatherland."

At the present time Subject is carrying on what is locally described as a "terrific love affair" with JEAN CABIN, the new French film star, who recently completed the picture "Moon-Tide" at 20th Century Fox Studies. GABIN is the Subject of Los Angeles file 100-6792, which is in a closed status. It suffices to mention here that CABIN had been reported as being pro-Vichy because he refused to align himself with other French stars publicly going all-out for Free France. However, investigation has failed to reflect that he is engaged in any un-American activities or in any way actively aiding the Vichy government. Copy of instant report is being designated for the GABIN file, and, as it applies, further mention will be made of that affair hereinafter.

In the review of the Los Angeles files, with reference to Subject, DIETRICH was connected with JOSEF VON STERNBERG, Director, who presently

The Los Angeles file No. 100-3270, entitled: "KARI VOLLMOELLER, WAS., INTERNAL SECURITY-G, ALIEN ENERY CONTROL", reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated at Ios Angeles January 12, 1942; therein is est forth interview had by the writer with VON STERNBERG in connection with VOLLMOELLER, who was apprehended December 31, 1941, for the Immigration and Naturalization authorities, and who is presently interned as an enemy alien. VON STERNBERG telephonically contacted the Ios Angeles office on January 1, 1942, and advised Special Agent in Charge R. B. HOOD that he is a friend of VOLLMOELLER, and that he was apprising the Bureau of this fact, but that if there were any information he could furnish which might be of assistance to the Bureau, he would be only too glad to 'slp. A few days later, MAPLENE INTERICH telephonically contacted the writer, who, as will appear hereinafter, had previously interviewed her, and stated that VON STERNBERG was considerably disturbed because he had not been called on by the Bureau.

On January 5, 1942, agent interviewed VON STERNBERG at length in the Bureau office with reference particularly to VOLLIMOELLER. He mentioned that in the summer of 1939 VOLLIMOELLER, who is a writer of considerable repute, tried to get MARLENE DIETRICH to meet representatives of the German movie companies in Paris to discuss possible contracts for the making of pictures in German. But DIETRICH, VON STERNBERG stated, was furious at such overtures and would have nothing more to do, with him because she wanted to have no connection with anything German.

VCN STERNBERG is also mentioned in report of the writer dated at Los Angeles February 14, 1942, in the case entitled: WAS..

edvised informants that DIETRICH was very close to VON STERNBERG, being in frequent telephonic communication with him. At the time he was interviewed, VON STERNBERG stated he was born May 29, 1894, in Vienna; that he is a full Jew, an American citizen, and during the first World War he served with the United States Army, being attached to the office of the Chief of Staff. He was a Corporal in the Signal Corps. He obtained his citizenship through the maturalization of his father in 1908.

Los Angeles file 61-444, entitled: "JOE VON STERNBERG, MISCELIANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING", sets forth data to the effect that VON STERNBERG had been reported as a possible Subject of investigation because he objected to an airport being placed near his home. It developed that this objection was based solely on the fact that the airport would disturb his peace and quiet. Information is also contained in this file that DIETRICH, being close to VON STERNBERG, was also so inclined. No information of any positive nature is contained in this file, which would be of interest to this investigation.

On April 13, 1942. Special Agent

was advised by

that

VON STERNBERG had leased the house at 901 Malcolm Avenue, West Los Angeles, from April 25, 1942, to April 25, 1943, at a monthly rental of \$200. This house is on a hill. The sun-room is glassed in, and it gives a view of the entire western



coastline. VON STERNBERG was observed being in the house before it was finished and explained to informant that he went there to "get inspiration from the view". This matter was brought to the attention of this office for possible value.

In Los Angeles file 100-4880, entitled: INTERNAL SECURITY reference is made to report of the writer dated at Los Angeles June 13, 1941, wherein on page 3 interview with MARLENE DIETRICH is set forth. At this time she was living at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills. It had been alleged a director and producer, was being financed by Nazi funds, and it was known that DIETRICH had been acquainted with him.

pro-Nazi because he had never associated with any or them when living in France, and she explained that the money in this instance came from the Chase National Bank in New York. She mentioned, too, that RENE' CLAIRE the director, was of the same opinion as herself with reference to

Of particular interest here, is page 4 of that report, wherein DIETRICH, in the general discussion which followed the interview, set forth her theories concerning HITLER. "She stated that in 1936 she was in Paris and that YON. RIBRENTROP was trying to get her to go back to Germany to make a picture. He told her that HITLER wanted her to come back to be a German actress and also do a play. These overtures were being made at the very time that she was trying to get a passport to this country. Upon telling the German official that she had contracts in America, he told her that if she would come and visit HITIER for several days, she would get her passport. She excused and got out of this by stating that the German press had been against her and that she had to go to America. For the sake of her political beliefs and getting even with HITLER. DIETRICH stated that for two hours she debated calling HITLER directly on the telephone telling him that she would come and visit him and when she got there she planned to kill him. She described HITLER as being 'not a normal human being mentally! and described his evident feeling for her as 'he has a tick for me'.

"Continuing, Miss DIETRICH stated that she had been informed that HITLER had made some French diplomats sit for four hours through the re-running of one of her pictures and these diplomats told her that they nearly died because they could not smoke or even talk while he was watching her act. This picture had been made by LUBITSCH, a Jew, and so had not been shown generally in Germany at all."

At the time DIETRICH contacted agent with reference to VON STERNBERG, namely, on Jamuary 5, 1942, she also inquired as to whether there was any information available from the Los Angeles office files regarding the pro-Nazi sentiments of

Miss DIETRICH was advised that the files of this office were confidential and that no information therein with reference to him was available to her. It was recalled to her that she had been interviewed, inasmuch as this office had been advised that she might have information indicating that was pro-Nazi. She admitted that she had none; in fact, that he

was quite the contrary. She stated that should any such information come to her attention, she would advise this office.

Los Angeles files also contain memorandum submitted by Special Agent under date of August 26, 1940, reflecting that one called at this office and submitted a letter which he had addressed to the Bureau. His appearance here was on July 1, 1940. He stated therein that

knew that MARLENE DIETRICH was definitely working for the interests of Germany; that the pose she was using was one of being banned from Germany by HITLER; that Bund meetings were held in her home many nights during the week, and from what had been overheard, her activities are not constructive to America.

who advised that he was interviewed by Special Agent had no information, but that one said he didn't know anything about did have. and denied ever having known anyone by that name. was interviewed by She resides at telephone and upon interview she stated that she had no information; that she whose name she could not recall, who was at one had heard from time working in a house near DIETRICH'S, that there were frequent meetings held thought were Bund meetings. was gding to in her home which and advise this office. To date same obtain the name and address of has not been done, but should she have any information of interest to the Bureau, it will be reported.

In Los Angeles file 100-4920, entitled: "GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA", Serial 836, Source advised Special Agent on 170 on

With reference to REMARQUE, it will be recalled that he fought in the German Army during the first World War, came to this country some years ago, where his movie "All Quiet on the Western Front" was a big hit. It is understood that as a result of same, he was officially banned from ever again appearing in Germany. AREMARQUE is a Subject of Los Angeles file 100-5689, extitled: "ERICH MARIA REMARQUE, INTERNAL SECURITY-G", same being in a closed status at the present time and merely containing miscellaneous memoranda with reference to REMARQUE, who from time to time has been reported to this office as being possibly pro-German. However, none of these reports contain any specific information. DIETRICH carried on an affair with REMARQUE for a period of about three years up until two years ago, their open association causing considerable comment upon the part of neighbors. Agent has had occasion to discuss REMARQUE with several individuals prominent in the movie industry, and none of them believe him to be actively pro-German or engaged in any activities detrimental to the best interests of this country. Reference to him will be made later. He is at the present time residing in the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel, Beverly Hills, and being an enemy alien, is subject to the curfew.

As a result of the cable censorship stop placed locally, there was forwarded to this office from the Office of Cable Censor on June 9, 1942, a table-gram sent to REMARQUE in care of MARIENE DIETRICH, which read as follows: "Please inform whether suits you rent Swiss House against dollar transfer American. Sincerest greetings. Signed: "The Office of Cable Censor referred this message to the local Federal Communications Office to see if it should be released. There was no information in the Los Angeles files with reference to and from the contents of the REMARQUE file, it clearly appears that this item refers to property owned by REMARQUE in Europe.

Los Angeles file No. entitled:

S., ESPIONACE-G", Bureau file contains information in writer's report of March 4, 1940, that when was in the Los Angeles area, she was trying to get in touch with MARLENE DIETRICH and ERICH REMARQUE. At that time DIETRICH told an informant of this office that she was going to have nothing to do with and that the same istrue of REMARQUE.

Ios Angeles file No. 100-0-22571 contains a long-hand note from one from from dated March 8, 1942, which read as follows: "round this German girl's picture in the Bible where I put it five years ago. I dreamed the same dream three times about her, then hunted up the paper and cut out the picture. Now I am wondering what she is doing." The picture he enclosed was a photograph of DIETRICH shown as she was leaving the Federal Building in Los Angeles where she took out her first papers for American citizenship and took the oath of allegiance.

Los Angeles file 9-0-221 contains a letter forwarded to this office by

Attorney, which producer had
asked him to forward to the Bureau. This letter, which was printed in ink, made
light of DIETRICH'S ability as an actress but was in no sense an extortion letter.

WAS., ESPIONAGE-G", contains the information that Subject, while in California, was traveling with the international society set, made up of such individuals as ERICH REMARQUE, MARLENE DIETRICH, GRETA GARBO, and His relations with these associates was purely social. Investigation of this matter, in which the Washington Field Office is origin, according to the local file fails to reflect that he is engaged in espionage activities.

Ios Angeles file No. entitled:

ESPIONAGE-R", sets forth in the writer's report of August 11, 1941,
interview with Subject by agent. It had been reported that Subjects were
negotiating with DIETRICH for the making of a picture. She was interviewed
with reference to them, advising that she never actually talked to them, the
matter being handled by her agent, and so knew nothing about them. Instant
case is in a closed status.

los Angeles File No. entitled: in the report of Special Agent dated at San Francisco March 25, 1941, contains on page 8 the information that Subject claims to be a good friend of MARIENE DIETRICH and her husband, RUDOLF SIEBER. It is noted that the report of Special Agent dated at San Francisco April 22, 1942, states that Subject is apparently not engaged in espionage.

Los Angeles file 65-0-222 contains a letter from this office to the Bureau dated November 10, 1938, setting forth information received from ARTHUR F. GRUBE, Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service Office, this city, which stated that one employed

reported that a man supposed to be the uncle of MARLENE DIETRICH made frequent trips to unknown points, and thought he might be according to this information, related that a man engaged in espionage. named KRON or KROM, living somewhere in Westwood Virlage and about 40 to 45 years of age, is probably DIETRICH'S right-hand man. The uncle of Subject was described as being about 52 to 58 years of age and very intelligent. Informant did not know the name of the supposed uncle but thought he used the name DIETRICH, and had no specific particulars. From information available, it does not appear that DIETRICH has any relatives in this country other than her husband and daughter.

Los Angeles file 100-0-15349 contains a memor andum dated December 10, 1941. entitled: "DR_ HAL G. BIELER, INTERNAL SECURITY-G". It states that on November 11. advised that she was well-acquainted with BTELER, having met him

She continued that she knew BIELER to be very pro-terman and to have numerous German friends, although she was unable to recall anything specific that BIELER had said or done. She continued that MARLENE DIETRICH was one of his patients; that BIETER had a peculiar turn of mind, because she knew him to show obscene pictures and movies

which matter had been reported to the Pasadena Vice Squad.

BIELER was described as follows:

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Age: Height: 517#: Weight: 145: Eyes: Blue:

Hair: Brown, streaked with gray; Moustache:

Black, HITLER-type: Resides at 880 East Colorado, Pasadena.

Ios Angeles file 100-0-283 states that on June 12, 1940. motion picture and radio actor, residing at telephonically communicated with this office to advise that he thought the activities of MARLENE DIETRICH and her family were very suspicious. At that time he pointed out that she was so pro-German that she would not even allow her daughter to ride in an English saddle, and that she lived at the Beverly Hills Hotel where she could meet many influential people. This information was furnished to Special Agent

Special Agent interviewed (at his apartment telephone on June 13, 1940. At this stated that while he did not know MARLENE DIETRICH personally, he had frequently observed her at Schwab's Drug Store, 8026 Sunset Boulevard, which is at the corner of Sunset and Laurel Canyon. This drug store, according to is frequented by movie people. Somewhere heard that MARLENE DIE-THICH was so pro-German that she would not allow her daughter to ride in an English saddle. He also stated that when she would come into the drug store with her daughter and a German-appearing fellow, she would order a Coca-Cola and engage in an ardent conversation with this man and her daughter. In order to find out what they were talking about, he stated he would get in behind the counter and

mix himself a Coca-Cola, whereupon they would start talking about the weather in English, whereas theretofore they had been speaking in German. He did not know the identity of this man, but when Agent suggested that it might be ERICH REMARQUE, a known consort of DIETRICH, he informed that it probably was he.

This was all the information

could furnish concerning MARLENE

Attention is directed to the fact that LARLENE DIETRICH and ERICH REMARQUE have been mentioned in Los Angeles file regarding but that there is nothing definite to indicate that they are engaged in espionage activities.

CURRENT INVESTIGATION

Files of the los Angeles office contained no information with reference The same is two of the files in the office of From Source it was ascertained on May 29, 1942, that Subject was born MARY MAGDALENE WON LOSCH in Berlin, allegedly December 27, 1904. According to her biography in the motion-picture almanac, she was educated in a private school in Weimar and a musical academy in Berlin. Of the marriage with RUDOLF SIEBER she has the daughter MARIA, who is about 17 years of age. Under the heading "Stage and Screen Background", she trained in the MAX REINHARDT School of Drama in Berlin. Currently, MAX REINHARDT has a drama school in Hollywood, where Subject's daughter is studying. DIETRICH made her first appearance in a German version of "Broadway". Her next part was in an untitled musical comedy. For three years thereafter she divided her time between stage work and cinema, probably, according to this source, working for Tobis, Ufa, Berlin. The pictures in which she worked that were released in the United States were. "I Kiss Your Hand, Madame", and "Three Loves". In 1932 she appeared in Paramount Pictures. "The Blue Angel", "Morocco", and "Dishonored". It was her appearance in the German-made "Blue Angel" in which she worked for VON STERNBERG that got her into the United States under contract to Paramount. She made several pictures for Paramount in 1933 through 1936, when she ended her association with that studio with the picture "Desire". In 1937 she appeared in the British-made "Kright Without Armor", returning to Paramount for the picture "Angel", and then went into eclipse until she was resurrected by JOE PASTERNAK, the producer at Univergal Studios, for the picture, "DESTRY Rides Again". During her work at Paramount Studios, DIETRICH always worked under VON STERNBERG with the exception of one she made under ERNST LUBITSCH, who started the picture, "Hotel Imperial", ran up a production cost of \$900,000, and then the picture was never finished. It appeared that DIETRICH just could not "give" without VON STERNBERG, and all during the production there were squabbles with her new director and production officials.

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With reference to her personal history, Source continued that "despite her marriage to SIEHER, with whom she has not lived for many years, at least as long as she has been in the United States, NIETRICH has been promiscuous in a bland, glamorous sort of way. She, of course, was VON STERNBERG'S mistress.

DIETRICH has never been able to 'hold a man'. She gets them and loses them in periods of amour ranging from 'quickies' to 'six months'. During her Paramount days, she verged from the norm for an affair with KAY FRANCIS (known Lesbian), and since that time has been involved in similar experiences, although less known.

'S wife, also a known Lesbian) reportedly ance was given a large sapphire ring by DIETRICH in a night club on the Strip. Her usual technique, insofar as men are concerned (and her temporary success) was evinced by the way she went after JOHN WAYNE on Universal's "Seven Sinners". She saw him, liked him, and made advances. WAYNE is the father of three children and was at that time seemingly happily married. He repulsed DIETRICH, but she kept coming. She finally got him. This affair lasted about six months. She got him to switch agents, the resulting hullabaloo reaching the courts.

"ERICH REMARQUE has been more or less a foil against which she prowled the night clubs looking for other men. She kept REMARQUE around formore than a year. She became enamored of JEAN CABIN when he arrived in Hollywood, and during the production of the picture "Moon-Tide", she appeared on the set daily, and evenings she and CABIN rehearsed, their lines. She constantly changed the interpretation intended by the director of "Moon-Tide" and the producer. Consequently, both wished they had never seen or heard of DIETRICH. Her affair with CABIN follows the same pattern of her usual affairs."

On May 26, 1942, it was ascertained that DIETRICH had just returned to this city from spending some time in the east. It was known that she had left her residence in the Beverly Hills Hotel, and through it was ascertained that she left the Beverly Hills Hotel April 17, 1942, and that the only forwarding address given was the telephone number of the unit of the subject rents Postoffice Box 1181; also, if mail should come to Subject in care of the left was to go to her at

The results of the information developed through Source over this period from May 26, 1942, to time of dictation of instant report on June 13, 1942, will be set out hereinafter.

Source who is well-acquainted in the movie industry, advised that DIETRICH returned from her trip east the previous Friday. He, too, referred to her affair with JOHN WAYNE, advised that ERICH REMARQUE used to be her favorite, and that he, Source was definitely of the opinion that REMARQUE is "O. K." as far as his Americanism is concerned.

Continuing, with reference to REMARQUE, he advised that all of a sudden he stopped going around with DIETRICH about the time JEAN GABIN came into the picture. He pointed out that DIETRICH is handled by the actors' agent, CHARLES FEIDMAN (whose wife is known to be an intimate of DIETRICH'S), and that DIETRICH runs CHARLES FEIDMAN around, she being his one known client. Although Source had heard the general gossip that DIETRICH was probably pro-German because she came from that country, he had no specific information indicating any activity on her part detrimental to the best interests of this country.

advised agent on June 1, 1942, had had lunch at MIKE ROMANOFF'S restaurant, and in conversation with ROMANOFF had asked him what had happened to DIETRICH. ROMANOFF told him she had lunched there but once in the past several months, and that was with the writer, MEN HECHT; also, that when he, ROMANOFF, was in Washington recently, people had asked him about her activities. As a matter of information, ROMANOFF'S restaurant is habituated by those most prominent in the film industry. Source continued (ERICH MARIA REMARQUE talked of this and that, and that REMARQUE brought up MARLENE, stating that he had known her for twelve years since before she made her first success in the "Blue Angel". He said he was not in love with her but cares for her as a girl who is #90% good but 10% swfully stupid". REMARQUE continued to Source that he is worried about her association with GABIN, whose pro-Axis films he, REMARQUE, could not understand. Continuing, Source stated, "As a Parisian film star, GABTM was earning enough to live nicely, but nothing to what he has now." He thinks GABIN just a stupid, suburban type of character who doesn't know when he's well off. A recent film fan magazine article incensed REMARQUE. It made MARLENE out as doing all the chasing and even taking GABIN back after the GINGER ROGERS incident.

MARLENE has another film to do for Universal but told REMARQUE that she didn't like the one prepared for her.

West for the Treasury Department. On her return, should Source develop any information of interest to this investigation, same will be furnished the Bureau.

Upon receipt of reference teletype from the Washington Field Office. reflecting that Source A was to be on the west coast, this source was contacted on May 27, 1942, at which time she advised she was leaving the city but would be available on May 29, 1942, at which time she was interviewed by agent with reference to information in her possession concerning Subject. Source A explained the background of the film set-up in Europe, stating that Ufa no longer exists and is now called Continental Films, and that that set-up is endeavoring to sell films in South America; that it consists of a marger of the German, French, and Dutch Film Companies. Continental Films has distributed in Russia and the United States up to the declaration of war. Source A was pressed for what connection Subject had with and (at which time she replied that it is POSSIBLE that MARLENE is involved, whereupon she went on to state that when 20th Century Fox studios got JEAN GABIN under contract to come to this country, he had just flown away from Paris, in fact had gotten out of Paris just fifteen minutes before the Germans came in. From there he went to the south of France, where he was entertaining in the home of the VAUSAUGES (chocolate manufacturers). While there, a German representing Continental Films contacted him and tried to get him to join the company. This he refused to do. Source A advised then that DIETRICH showed no interest whatsoever in GARIN until he began to make a success. in this country. Then she started to pursue him and at the present time has him, according to Source A. "ga-ga".

Source A stated that before she left Europe, DIETRICH was closely associated with and but could furnish no further information as to what this association consisted of, other than being employed in making French pictures and these men were connected with the French film industry. She knew nothing as to whether there was any more intimate relation, and even whether they were good friends, but she assumed that they must have been. She did not know whether DIETRICH had been in connection with them since the war or even if she had come to this country, but in view of MARLENE'S infatuation for GABIN, or at least her pursuing him, and because DIETRICH had once known and Source A thought it "POSSIBLE" that they were communicating now and still trying to get GABIN to go back to France and make pictures for Continental Films.

At this point Source A brought out that she had been hired by 20th Century Fox Studios and Colonel DARRYL ZANUCK in particular to handle the case of JEAN GARIN with the State Department; that this case presently consisted of trying to get an immigration quota number or make appropriate arrangements so that GABIN would not have to return to France. She indicated that he was having trouble doing that: that he was only in this country under a visitor's visa. To that end she advised that about a month ago she was in Washington, D. C., making the necessary arrangements contacting the necessary people to properly present the case to the State Department. She said GABIN did not want to go back to France; that his status is presently being reviewed by the Immigration Department; that she has checked into the matter thoroughly, written letters back to France, etc., and is convinced that he is the simple, ordinary, peasant type of Frenchman who not only does not know enough to be engaged in any subversive activities but would not do so.

While in Washington working in GABIN'S behalf, she had him come down to the city from New York where he was then stopping. Shortly thereafter, DIETRICH came down to Washington, called GABIN on the 'phone in Source A's office, told him that she had arrangements made for him to stay in a room next to her in the Carleton Hotel, and that she was going to get everything fixed up with the War and State Department so that he would have no trouble remaining in this country. Source A indicated that she was very incensed at this presumptuous and dictatorial action on the part of DIETRICH in trying to take the matter out of Source A's hands. Details of how DIETRICH called up an official in the State Department who is a member of the Reviewing Board and had him over to her apartment for the purpose of hastening that Department's action in the GABIN case were furnished by Source A. The writer was advised that DIETRICH told the State Department that she would vouch for GABIN. The individual in that Department DIETRICH contacted, according to Source A, was one

Source A advised, when asked by the writer who knew of DIETRICH'S associations in France with tetc., that the director had told her of DIETRICH'S being close to but she pointed out tispresently very ill. However, she suggested that contact be had with one who will hereinafter be designated as Source that the be made of interview with Source Clater. Source A also suggested that was a woman who knew a great deal about DIETRICH, inasmuch as she knew pretty much about everything going on in the industry. It is to be noted here that Source A

about everything going on in the industry. It is to be noted here that Source A at the time of interview was engaged in some legal matters in the behalf of L. B. MAYER, she advising that the distribution of his estate, financial holdings, etc.

was a problem which was causing her no end of trouble because of the wast sums involved.

Source A stated further that GABIN, during the course of her close contact with him, had advised that RENE! CIAIRE and as well as himself, had been asked to return to France and make pictures for the Vichy government; that this intercession had been made through the French Ambassador in Washington.

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agent that a service Studios, Hollywood, telephone (Ranite 5111.) KORDA told Source that the French Ambassador through the local French Consul, had recently asked GABIN, RENE' CIAIRE, to go back to France and make pictures, pointing out that the could do so in either occupied or unoccupied France. It was indicated, however that none of the men intended to comply.

Source halso stated that one had made pictures in France and would probably know the people, there that DIETRICH knew. Since GABIN'S picture at 20th Century Fox had been such a success and he had refused to go back to France, Source a stated it was her conclusion that DIETRICH'S attentions had become even more persevering; and she felt she was after him to return. However, Source A stated GABIN had never told her that this was the case. Therefore, it was this informant's conclusion that because DIETRICH was so interested in GABIN, she COULD HE a conduit through which the French government could be working in this country. She felt that the Continental Films and its distribution could work Fifth Column activities; that GABIN could be told certain things by DIETRICH to utter in his pictures which could be a code for the passing out of information. It is to be noted here also that Source A was of the opinion that DIETRICH was a citizen of Germany.

Source A said that even after coming back to Los Angeles, DIETRICH was continuously calling her on the 'phone and telling this source how to handle the affair of GABIN with the State Department. It was subsequently learned that this source also directed a letter to DIETRICH at her Birchwood Drive home, which arrived on June 2, 1942.

FRANCES MARION, authoress, who lives in this city, according to Source A, is snother woman who she felt would know DIETRICH'S background, although she did not indicate that any of the individuals mentioned felt that DIETRICH was engaged in espionage activities.

The Bureau's attention is directed again to Los Angeles file 100-6792, in the case entitled: "JEAN GABIN, INTERNAL SECURITY-G", and the report of the writer dated at Los Angeles December 6, 1941. This sets out an interview had with GABIN, and it is noted that is mentioned therein as having procured the necessary papers for GABIN to come to this country.

GABIN is presently residing at

1315 Angelo Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Local records of contain no information not already in the possession of this office with reference to CABIN.

In addition to the information contained in report just mentioned with reference to CABIN, he Los Angeles file, which has since been re-opened for the purpose of obtaining additional information with reference to Subject.

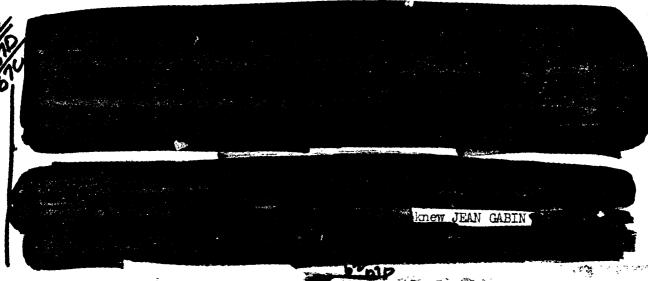
Special Agent on June 1, 1942, reviewed the file in the office of Source A with reference to GABIN. Therein it reflects that approached GABIN and other French actors to return to Paris, and he refused. He was told he could have gotten back his home if he had returned. It also reflected that

The contract which GABIN has with 20th Century Fox allows him to return to France between pictures. cording to this file, tried to talk GABIN out of going to the United States. telling him he could make films in France, and may have implied that he would have to return. Thereupon GABIN wired that his family was ill, and sent a wire stating that he had made a contract for him to come to America. GABIN said he showed this wire to the Vichy government, and they allowed him to come. One of United Artists Studios in New York City according to Source A's file, corroborated GABIN'S statement with reference to the above. Under date of December 27, 1941, the French Consul in Los Angeles wrote GABIN, stating that the French Embassy on Vichy orders was requesting GABIN to return to Paris and make pictures. This letter was not answered by GABIN. On January 5, 1942, he received a follow-up letter. He called the Consul and told him that he wanted to stay and requested a letter which GABIN sent, setting forth that information.

Information in this file of Source A also set forth that GABIN and were leaders of the French film group signing a protest of appointment and swearing allegiance to the Allies. Therein it was determined that GABIN had no interest in politics, belonged to no organization other than that resembling the Screen Actors' Guild. One signed an affidavit stating that GABIN when in France had not engaged in any political activity, to his knowledge, and that GABIN had impressed as favoring the democracies.

With reference to his family, GABIN had set forth in Source A's file that he has two sisters. One sister's husband name lives in and he lost a leg in the first World War. The other sister; Mrs. is married to a who works They have and one son, in a German prison camp. GABIN said he had had two letters from His parents are both dead. His present wife is a second wife and there are no children from either marriage. mentioned above is connected with 20th Century Fox Film Studios. As a friend for 20 years was listed. He resides at at 20th Century Fox Studios made a statement concerning GABIN'S good character presently in London connected with 20th Century Fox, was listed as being a friend of CABIN'S.

Source A told Agent that she believed that an anonymous letter had been sent to either the State or the Justice Department which resulted in GABIN'S difficulty in remaining in this country. She felt that the Vichy government was behind the anonymous letter, although she had no positive information in the matter.



With reference to GABIN, Source stated that he is reflect about taking a stand during the present situation, which is true of all Frenchmen who have relatives in France. Like all Frenchmen, he also talks too much and is all for his native land. It would become a too-mixed-up affair for him to take any definite step, although Source stated that he signed with the other Frenchmen the declaration slighing himself with the Allies. They have it signed before.

By they, Source meant RENE CLAIRE, and GABIN, because they all had relatives in France, and to sign might bring trouble on them. Source insisted that as a result of association with GABIN, he was convinced that there was nothing to worry about GABIN'S being mixed up in any un-American activities. According to this source RENE CLAIRE has a brother and sister. With reference to this source knew nothing. As for he has two brothers in France and a son who just recently got out of Morocco and has joined the American forces. Source prought up GABIN'S affair with DIETRICH,

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and with reference to her stated that DIETRICH had made a picture in England.

Before the United States was in the present war, Source stated that were talking

DIETRICH and ERICH REMARQUE, according to were drinking champagne and toasting Germany's bombing of England. This was in the latter part of 1939 and early 1940.

not be openly interviewed, inasmuch as she suffers from the same moral quirk as does DIETRICH, and that that may account for attachment to her, although she certainly would not be in favor of Germany's bombing England. This source falt that if were interviewed, she would tell DIETRICH about it.

With reference to Subject's husband, RUDOLF SIEBER, has for ten years been living in New York with a Russian girl. This source also mentioned that MTETRICH'S mother is still in Berlin, and as far as this source knows, nothing has ever happened to her. As for DIETRICH'S being associated with any French officials, same had never come to the attention of this informant.

With reference to GABIN and DIETRICH, Source advised that DIETRICH has GABIN "hooked". He was, at the time of agent's interview with this source, living at DIETRICH'S house. Also, over the affair he has broken with his two or three closest friends. While in New York without GABIN, DIETRICH sent a continual stream of wires and flowers. On the return trip 15 wires were sent during the course of the journey across the country. This was just after the GABIN and GINGER ROCERS affair, which was played up in the newspapers. Source in explaining the relationship between SIEBER and his wife, MARLENE DIETRICH, stated that during the time Subject was having difficulty with GABIN and their affair was rocky, SIEBER sent GABIN a wire asking him to be nice to MARLENE because she was such a sweet girl.



Flected that CLAIRE was such and The local office wor of being pro-Aris of spreading propagands, was on the rise consequences (requestly contacted by the French Consulate in Ios Angeles, was listed as a supporter of the French Rour on Radio Station Mark; that he bears with the Bank of America at Wilshire and Beverly, but no information of a positive natura. With the thought in mind that it might be necessary to conduct a surweillance in the neighborhood of where DIETRICH lives, Special Agent rechecked the neighborhood, and it was ascertained that siding at This was verified by the enjoyed a good reputation writer in telephonic contact with was interviewed by who volunteered his, as well as services of his house, Special Agent in any way desired. Through Source & it was ascertained that Agent's notes of information developed through this source are being retained in the Los Angeles file of this case. However, it appears of possible future interest to record that \$200 every two weeks is sent by DIETRICH to RUDOLF SIEBER at the Hotel Croydon, New York City

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Through Source It was ascertained that of the communications received by DIETRICH during the period mentioned previously, the following were of possible future interest and are being set forth herein. The others noted by agent are being made a part of the Los Angeles file for near future use.

On June 1, 1942, she received a communication from Collector of the Treasury Department Internal Revenue Service, New York City, which letter was dated May 23 but not mailed until May 29. It referred to her having been in to see him on May 2 to 4: "With reference to your outstanding tar liabilities, you stated you would make a substantial payment against these liabilities either by arranging a loan or in some other way. To date I have not received this payment from you, nor have I received your financial statement which your agent, promised to supply. If I do not receive a substantial payment within the next 15 days to be applied against these liabilities, I will be forced to take steps against your present income to protect the government's interest." This letter enclosed a blank form for giving of a financial statement and further indicated that reference should be made to file JVB:BJC, Rm. 701.

Appropriate arrangements were made by Special Agent through Source for the development of any information concerning communications going to DIETRICH at her Birthwood Drive home, or to and her address on It was learned that DIETRICH has a 1940 Buick convertible coupe bearing current California license number 9M27-17, which is registered in the name of R. SIEBER. In addition, a Ford station-wagon bearing current California license number 97R455 is listed in the name of

June 3, 1942, DIETRICH received a letter from European astrologer, who was residing at the pardoned his intrusion by having heard of her interest in the occult sciences, offered his services. The same date attorney in a letter dated June 1 enclosed a bill from the Central Hanover Safe Deposit Company. This letter was addressed to and as assistant to the Collector of Internal Revenue. It stated that in connection with her safety deposit box number AlO4, rent was due for the period from June 14, 1942, for another year, same payable in advance. Suggested she send a check for \$14.40.

Therein stated that she was no longer connected with CONSTANCE BEN-NETT, INC., that she was giving treatments with the mash again and wished DIETRICH would call.

On June 4, 1942, DIETRICH received a letter from one !

On June 8, 1940, it was learned that DIETRICH buys her flowers from Holchester's, 6327 Yucca Street, HEmpstead 2634; that during the month of May, she sent flowers twice to SIEBER and once each to and YON STERNBERG.

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On June 10, 1942, DIETRICH received a letter from the American-Russian Institute to further cultural relations with the Soviet Union 101 Post Street, San Francisco. This letter was signed by Therein advised that they were sending a book back to Russia showing the appreciation and gratitude to the Russian people for the fight they were putting up against HITLER. He requested that she give the Consul-General of the U. S. S. R. in San Francisco by June 22 a letter set-

ting forth her feelings in the matter.

Under date of June 8, 1942, DIETRICH received a letter from SCHWARTZ AND FROEHLICH, 1450 Broadway, New York City, which consisted of a bill in the amount of \$250.

On May 30, 1942, received a letter from R. STEBER, #12 East 86th Street, New York City, mailed to her at the llives with Source advised that DIETRICH had sponsored some prizefighter in the east, but for a while he was sending her registered letters which she recently was refusing to accept.

On May 28, 1942, she received a letter from It is not known whether this individual is identical with the prizefighter mentioned. It is to be noted that with the exception of those mentioned above, DIETRICH'S mail consisted mainly of bills and similar communications.

On March 17, 1942, Source advised Special Agent

Source stated he studied GABIN closely GABIN told him of being to Washington with his friend, of their efforts to get in to see Mr. J. EDCAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and of their having talked with some one of his assistants. Source did not recall the name of this individual, but from the pronunciation Agent believes that it might have been

Informant stated he did not believe GABIN was anything but pro-American. He did ascertain, however, that GABIN is not GABIN'S correct name, and if efforts were made to develop from GABIN his right name, it should be done in a very discreet manner so that the man would never learn that the original information had come from Source

GABIN was to start a new picture at 20th Century Fox in April, 1942,

Source stated that MARIENE DIETRICH is deeply in love with GABIN and wants to divorce her husband so she can marry him. Source stated he did not know what had happened to the affair between GABIN and GINGER ROCERS, which has been prominently mentioned in the gossip columns.

Source Source was interviewed

He advised that LOUIS SOBOL, column writer in the New York papers, had said that the picture was good, but he was not going to give it publicity because GABIN as pro-Vichy. Source asked him how he knew this to be a fact, and he advised it was the talk around New York. When pressed for specific information, SOBOL said that a doctor had told him. He would not tell who the doctor was. On returning to the coast, Source got together with GABIN and told him off, saying that he would have to get himself set right in this country or he was a failure, etc. GABIN got up and walked out the door. When asked where he was going, he said he was going to "join the army". Thereafter they calmed him down, GABIN appeared in the east and publicly denounced HITIER and proclaimed himself in favor of this country. Source that he honestly believes GABIN is "O. K.". Not being sure of success in pictures 10 in this country, he naturally wanted to assure himself of being able to return to France, and so for that reason he had not at first aligned himself with CHARLES BOYER and his group of Frenchmen. Agent was informed that the story circulating in Hollywood that GABIN had gone to BOYER'S home, grabbed him by the throat and threatened to beat him up if he didn't quit talking about his, GABIN'S, pro-Vichy inclinations was true. Source also pointed out that jealousy on BOYER'S part was part of the cause of GABIN'S trouble.

With reference to MARLENE DIETRICH and GABIN'S affair with her, he said that DIETRICH probably, way down deep, was still pro-German. She enjoys the continental air of Europe, the way they serve drinks, etc., and thinks the Americans lack such refinements. However, he again referred to the week he had spent with them, his contact with her on the picture "Man-Power" which he produced and in which she played, and as a result of all this, he did not believe in any way that she was engaged in subversive activities. He quoted DIETRICH as stating that anything she could do in the way of entertaining the boys in the army camps to make them happy was her sole desire. He said that DIETRICH is really in lovewith GABIN, that in affairs with men she is clever, smart, but in espionage activities he felt she was too well known to be so involved.

Through Sources and agent was kept informed day by day of DIETRICH'S contemplated plans for touring the Middle West in connection with the Treasury Department bond sales, and on June 11, 1942, Source furnished the following schedule for which she departed on June 11, 1942, aboard the Santa Fe' Chief:

"Treasury Department Tour

"June 13	Chicago		
17	Detroit		
18	Toledo		
19	Cleveland		
20	Akron		
22	Columbus		
- 23	Dayton		
24	Cincinnati		

"Camp Shows

June 26-27

Jefferson Barracks
St. Louis, Mo.

Camp Tyson
Paris, Tenn.

June 30-July 1-2

Camp Forest
Tullahoma, Tehn.

July 3-4-6

Fort Knox, Ky.

Her reservation for same was verified through Source DIETRICH departed in drawing-room E-204, Train No. 20, which left at 12:01 P. M., June 11, 1942. Her reservation was arranged for by one assistant to the editor of the Herald-American of Chicago.

On June 11, 1942, the writer had occasion to interview Source who has previously been of assistance to this office.

In the course of a rather lengthy interview in which various individuals in the film industry were discussed, he brought up MARLENE DIETRICH and her affair with GABIN. With reference to DIETRICH he stated

her trip to Chicago. He said she went alone. He advised that DIETRICH had come to him and discussed the GABIN affair, stating that she was madly in love with him, and that she was afraid that 20th Century Fox and Source A would not be able to obtain a quota number for him, and that he would have to go back to France. With reference to Source A, DIETRICH told him that 20th Century Fox and M-G-M had on occasions hired her because she claimed that she could fix things in Washington. He cited the affair and his income tax trouble, and said it washis understanding that she had led to believe that there would be no sentence to be served because of herability to handle big people in Washington. As for DIETRICH herself, this Source advised that when Garmany first started her war of aggression, he had discussed with her the feasibility of putting her in various camp shows but had decided not to for two reasons: first, because it was cheap publicity to capitalize on the war, and second, because she had a mother and sister in Germany. When the United States, however, entered the war, this Source stated he went to her and asked her what she wanted to do. He related that DIETRICH stated that she was willing to do anything to serve this country. When he pointed out that she still had her mother in Germany, being unable to bring her over heretofore, DTETRICH replied that "I can't help it. Let's go ahead, and I'll spend all my time playing camp shows or selling bonds."

Agent was informed that the reason IMETRICH had not been appearing in pictures for the past one and one-half years until comparatively recently was because those in the Jewish faith in the business had gotten the story around that she was pro-Nazi. Source stated he was positive she was a good American.

Following is a description of Subject, as obtained from the various records examined and from personal observation:

> 37, born Dec. 27, 1904, in Berlin: Age:

Height: 515":

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Hair: Blond, originally red-gold:

Eyes: Blue:

Complexion: Fair: Weight: 120;

Marital Status: Married, husband, RUDOLF SIEBER,

address, 12 E. 86th St., New York City;

One daughter, MARIA, age 17; Citizenship:

American;

Address: 868 Birchwood Drive, Beverly Hills,

California;

Photograph: Los Angeles file.

- C L O S E D -

Source A is MRS. MABEL WALKER WILLEBRANDT, 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone Michigan 2825... Source E is Postmaster 1 / 12 Source J is postal Los Angeles. This contact was made away from the sub-station and without the knowledge of the Los Angeles Postal officials. No mention should ever be made

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Washington, D.C. 30, 1942

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Oity,

Gentlemen: -

This actress Marlene Dietrich an enemy alien from Germany is suddenly so particularly active entertaining seldiers in camps and getting access to other militaray establishments, that I wender if any possible leaks are centrolled before it is too late.

She is a knewn and pepular actress who pessesses the sympathy of mest every one, which often prevented the duty of guarding national secrets before aculd easily use her beauty and wiles to presure and transmit important data to the enemy.

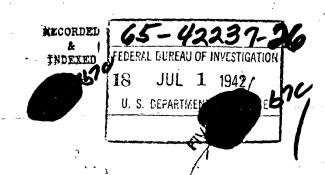
She has daily new contacts with such persons as U.S. Production bess Army efficers demonstrating the newest type of gliders and other developments.

I hope that I am entirely wreng, but the symptems point to a case of Mata - Hari #2 which I wanted to call your attention to, if it isn't already under your observation.

Respectfully yours

Hamilton Hotel.

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This will acknowledge your letter dated June 80, 1942. I wish to express my appreciation for the information set out therein and assure you that it will be given appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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DATE 6-25-90 EL SP. Dear Siro: 510 With the capture of the & Spies on our atlantic torder and the disclosures of their plans to destroy our inland plants of war munitions I recall an incident which I think should be mentioned to you. It may have no importance, and again it bright be worth keen in mind. I was among the thousands present in Soldier rield during the grand turnous in honor of Den . Was arthur a few fundant age. In the coulse of the program, Bat hape introduced mies marlene Dittrich, who I believe is a German born actress. and only recently received her citizenship. The pointy that struck me so strongely was her refeated statement - when asked about her war-bond selling tour around the country - that the allis Chalmer folant in milwanker was the most interesting It was so big - so grand - In fact the biggest wind froduction front in the USA- if we ever had the chance, we should see it it was so big the above are perhaps not her exact words, but the she dwell upon allis Chaimers the portance to the Country and to war, and the fact that she was broodcasting tweety parts of the country - and beyon made 5De was det of the Secident chould not be Called to your attention Perhaps Miss District

noble job to Thech all possibiles Thranily. I was somewhat surfixed that a German born fusan was chosen and permitted to tour our munition factories at this time after seeing the movie "International Lady" and reading the accounts of the atlantic border spies, I'm beginning to lose confidence in our German brethem

as my identity is of no consequence, I beg to remain simply as

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